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8	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
9	EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA	
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11	PAUL WELDON,	Case No. 1:13-cv-00540-LJO-SAB
12	Plaintiff,	ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER
13	v.	ECF NO. 83
14	JERRY DYER, et al.,	Let no. 65
15	Defendants.	
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17	On October 9, 2014, Plaintiff Paul Weldon ("Plaintiff") filed a motion requesting a	
18	protective order prohibiting Defendants from conducting a videotaped deposition of Plaintiff.	
19	(ECF No. 83.) Plaintiff informs the Court that Defendants noticed a deposition of Plaintiff to	
20	take place on November 4, 2014. Plaintiff contends that the deposition is improper because the	
21	deposition serves no purpose other than to harass Plaintiff.	
22	The Court is not persuaded by Plaintiff's argument. While depositions may be	
23	inconvenient, all litigants who file lawsuits in court must face the prospect of being deposed, just	
24	as the Defendants in this action may be deposed by Plaintiff, if so desired. Plaintiff's contention	
25	that a deposition would have no purpose is without merit. Defendants are entitled to question	
26	Plaintiff regarding the circumstances of his claims and the nature of his damages. Contrary to	

Plaintiff's arguments otherwise, Plaintiff's damages are not "self-evident." Plaintiff contendsthat he feels uncomfortable at the prospect of being "put under the microscope" in a deposition.

Again, all plaintiffs who file lawsuits in court must deal with the possibility of being deposed.
The Court will not deny Defendants the opportunity to investigate the facts simply because
Plaintiff does not want to participate. Plaintiff must abide by the same rules and procedures that
Defendants must abide by according to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, including those
rules and procedures governing depositions and other discovery requests. Depositions in this
format are appropriate and often used by litigants in cases before this court.

Based upon the foregoing, Plaintiff's motion for a protective order is DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 10, 2014

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE